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Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. [Redacted Name]

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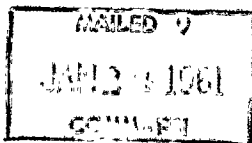
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Your letter of January 17, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (9)

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Struggle on a New Plane

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

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[Redacted]
Nashville 5, Tennessee
January 17, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing an Application For Membership in THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, a national organization which is now accepting membership in Nashville, Tennessee.

The purpose of the organization is to expose communist tactics, and eventually to use its influence in Congress to get bills passed to fight communism.

It is claimed that you have approved this organization, but since it is so "secret" I thought I had better check with you.

Thank you for a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter,
(which automatically covers member-
ship in any local chapter), for men or
women \$1,000.00 .
(This may be paid in two consecutive
annual installments of \$500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	\$24.00
	For women	12.00

Membership in a local chapter, mini- mum per year:	For men	\$24.00
	For women. . . .	12.00

(This may be paid as \$2.00 per month
for men, and \$1.00 per month for wom-
en, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues,
to support the Society's work (or to make
contributions for that purpose), such
dues or contributions may also be split
into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters
should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Appli-
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be approved by the home office.)

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C. H. ROSE

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____
Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year
from this date, and for automatic renewal each year
thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand
the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet,
as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my mem-
bership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed
officer of the Society, without the reason being stated,
on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in
advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

Date _____

Dues Received _____

Application Approved
By _____

Title _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 23, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 59-13, Item F.

On this date Mr. KLINE/WEATHERFORD, former SAC of the Chicago office, now associated with the Morton Salt Company, advised that the Morton Salt Company had been visited on January 4, 1961, by an individual named [redacted] who is the [redacted] for "American Opinion". The purpose of his visit, which he confirmed by letter dated January 17, 1961, was to interest the Morton Salt Company in purchasing pamphlets to send out to appropriate employees in their concern.

Mr. WEATHERFORD advised that there were three pamphlets: 1) a booklet entitled "Bang-Jensen-Tragedy", which cost \$.50 a book for 1 to 99 copies, \$.35 a book for 100 to 999 copies, and \$.30 a book for over 1,000 copies; 2) a booklet entitled "The World Gone Crazy", which sells for \$1.00; 3) a booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists", which cost \$.20 for 1 to 99 copies, \$.15 for 100 to 999 copies, and \$.12 for over 1,000 copies.

Mr. WEATHERFORD stated he was merely advising of this for the Bureau's information and that as far as he could see his company was not going to subscribe to any of this material inasmuch as there was some question in his mind as to the accuracy of the figures cited in the pamphlet "The World Gone Crazy", and further it was his opinion that while it was anti-Communistic, he believed it went too far to the right. He stated that both he and his company, of course, would be interested in "fighting Communism" in any way, shape or form, but in his opinion this was not the medium through which it should be done.

The above is for the information of the Bureau.

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January 21, 1961

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Bismarck, North Dakota

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Dear Captain:

Your letter of January 21, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Joan Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to correspondent. We have received numerous inquiries concerning the Joan Birch Society, an anticommunist organization founded and headed by Robert Welch, and the above reply has been sent.

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[Redacted] Bismarck, N. Dakota

January 21, 1961

RE: John Birch Society

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I have become deeply concerned about the problem of the spread of Communism. Because of this concern I have been trying to do as much as I can to prevent a further spread of this doctrine and in fact try to help uproot the progress that Communism has already made in this country.

Recently I joined a group called, "The John Birch Society". My friends and I believe sincerely that this is a very patriotic, anti-communist group believing in 100% Americanism.

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I am a Captain in the Air Force Reserve and am a member of the N. D. Mob. Designation Det.#1 (SSVC) Bismarck, N. D. Because of my military affiliation, I feel that I should make doubly sure, before I get further involved, that the John Birch Society is indeed a Patriotic Organization working for the good of the United States.

Could you give me your opinion of the John Birch Society? If you cannot, could you refer someone, perhaps in the Justice Department, who could provide me with the patriotic status of the John Birch Society.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Captain, U.S.A.F. Res.

[Redacted] Bismarck, N.D.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. SIZOO

DATE: 1/19/61

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. BaumgardnerSUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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SAC Earl Brown, Richmond, called and referred to SAC letters we have sent out during the past year regarding the above society and the activities of Mr. Welch who is connected with it.

Brown said that yesterday and today his office had talked to a Mr. Bachman, who is a radio newscaster, and to T. Coleman Andrews, Jr., son of the former head of Internal Revenue. Both of them are interested in combating communism and Bachman has made several newscasts regarding communism which have elicited public response. These men indicated that a chapter of the John Birch Society is being considered in Richmond, and before they became connected with it they wanted to know whether there was any information available concerning it. They stated they were going to write to the Bureau for any available information.

Mr. Brown wanted to alert us to the fact that these letters might be coming in. According to Bachman, T. Coleman Andrews, Sr. was one of the original founders of the John Birch Society. Brown suggested that the Bureau might want to consider having him talk to these men and suggest to them that they carefully examine the literature of the society to make up their own minds whether it is a stable organization or whether it is inclined toward excessive zeal.

I told Brown that we would examine the letters when received and would keep his thought in mind at that time.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

DATE: 1/23/61

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On 1/19/61, [REDACTED], Agent, 112th CIC Group, San Antonio, Texas, advised that he had ascertained that on the evening of 1/19/61, there would be a meeting of the John Birch Society at St. Peter's Church Cafetorium in Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas. A Mr. MANN from Odessa, Texas, was to speak at the program and this speech would outline the purpose and aims of the John Birch Society. A large group was expected. The present group of approximately 40 members would split into two groups. There are one or more groups already existing in San Antonio.

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Capt. [REDACTED] Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, is one of the leaders of the group and is organizing officers from Brooke Army Medical Center. [REDACTED] is a medical doctor.

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According to RYAN, the aims of the group are to fight communism on the local level by educating the people and exposing the aims of communism; also by showing how communists and communism are threatening democracy. This group is against big government, against centralized government, and socialized government (one step from communism). This group is for states' rights and the power in the hands of the people. They want to impeach EARL WARREN, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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On 1/20/61, the San Antonio Office received a copy of a report of [REDACTED], Detective Investigator of the San Antonio Police Department, who attended the meeting of the John Birch Society on 1/19/61, at St. Peter's Church, 120 Arcadia, Alamo Heights. This report reflected

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the following:

"On the nite of 1/19/61 we went to St. Peters Church 120 Arcadia in Alamo Heights, to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. This Society purports to be Anti-Communist. This meeting was apparently set up with the assistance of a man that introduced himself to us as [redacted] [redacted] He told us later that he was a Doctor at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There was a woman that apparently was the friend of [redacted] and she was in charge of the Coffey making and generally helping out. The man that put the show on was C. O. "BUCK" MANN, from Odessa Texas.

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"The program got started with 5 films that were about 40 minutes duration. The first film was very good, it was a story of the founding and the history of the Allen-Bradley Co. of Milwaukee Wis. This was to show the American method of free enterprise. Then there was the next film of a very mediocre hit and miss resume of the communist party and where it started from. The total film shown was 5, and the ultimate aim of this meeting was a membership rally to get members for the John Birch Society. The last film was the history of the Society and what its aims were. All of these film were narrated by the founder of the Society, ROBERT WELCH, formerly of the Welch Candy Co.

"After avidly listening to the program as an abject listener, we could come to but one conclusion, and that was that the ultimate aim of this organization is the eventual causing of a revolution in this country and the overthrow of the present form of Govt. in the United States. ROBERT WELCH sets himself up as the undisputed leader of his so called patriots. He stated that Americanism and Americanists were for the birds and that he wanted his followers to be called patriots. *NO L.*

"This organization plays on the Anti-Communist theme that is so foremost in everyones mind today and therefore is a gimmick to recruit members in the society. Mr. MANN spoke to the group at the last of the program. He reitorated some of the same stuff that WELCH had spoken in the films. All of the facts that were brought out in the films were things that have actually happened and as far as we know are true. But this is a smoke screen for the real purpose of this group. MANN gave the group a run down of what would be expected of them if the joined the Society, and stated that in all their corres-pondence and letter writing and connections officially that the members would not refer to themselves as members of the John Birch Society and in no way bring the name of the Society into their conversations. He stated that they had a national cover name of CASE, (Committee Against Summit Entanglements). They have a cover name for the Society in Texas, called 'Mothers Clubs for Checking School Text Books' and they wanted their members to use this cover name. Their Slogan is 'Less Government, More Responsibility and a Better World.' The Society had several publications on sale at the meeting. One of these was what they called The Blue Book. This book was an exact reproduction in writing, of the speeches made on the films. All the book is almost word for word as WELCH spoke it in the film. Then they had several other pamphlets on sale. We purchased all of the material that they offered. The Blue book sells for \$2 and the other sold for \$1. Also we appropriated several of their membership applications and one of Mr. BUCK MANN's calling cards. This is about the extent of the meeting. It is primarilly in the beginning stage and this meeting was a membership rally. All that can be assumed from all of this is that Mr. WELCH and Co. are alarmists and are using the Anti-

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"Communist Gimmick for their work in gaining strength for the revolution that he wants to eventually bring about. The Blue Book gives the entire story much better and in more detail that I can give it here in a report."

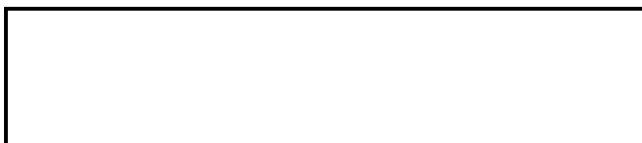
In view of current Bureau instructions, the San Antonio Office is taking no further action in this matter, and no investigation is being conducted.

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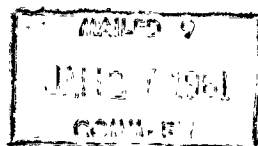
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Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection, however, either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

Press Release 12-22-60

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Director's speech 10-18-60

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

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MRS. [REDACTED]
JANUARY 27, 1961

NOTE: The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization with chapters throughout the country. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in his writings in the past, and our field offices have been alerted to watching this group's activities.

We have had other recent citizens' inquiries concerning the Great Decisions meetings affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association. This group, with headquarters in New York City, is well known to the Bureau, but we have not investigated it. Its purpose allegedly is to carry on research to aid an understanding of the foreign policies of the United States and to encourage local groups to discuss foreign policies. Vera Micheles Dean, born in Russia, is allegedly the leading policy-making official of FPA and is reportedly pro-Russian and an apologist for the Soviet Union. (100-371054 and 62-68549)

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In view of the identity and background of Vera Micheles Dean with the latter Association, it is believed that the current reply to Mrs. [REDACTED] would best serve the Bureau's interest.

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[Redacted]
Macon, Georgia

F. B. I.
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

Having joined a great decisions group last year and thoroughly enjoyed it, I looked forward to it again this year. To my dismay what I consider a study group on world affairs has been condemned and branded communistic by a group who calls themselves "The John Birch Society."

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I find now that he has written another book. I haven't been able to get it yet. From this book was born the "Society." Unfortunately many fairly intelligent upright citizens have been taken in by all this.

My purpose in writing to you is to get information if possible concerning both "The Great Decisions" and "The John Birch Society." To me the first seems quite innocent and trustworthy and the latter quite wicked.

The "Society" is throwing the name of the F. B. I. around as their proof of the redness of Great Decision.

The approximately 20 women (all housewives) in my group are all anxious to get some facts if possible before we pay any attention this smear campaign.

Sincerely,

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Washington 25, D.C.

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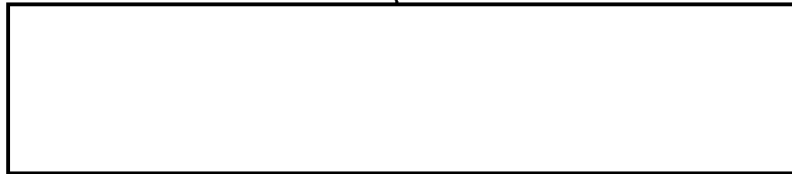
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[Redacted]
Savannah, Georgia
January 20, 1961
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

At our PTA meeting last week, someone mentioned the John Birch Society, and spoke of it as a Communist group masquerading as an anti-Communist one.

I had never even heard of it before, and wonder if you could clear the matter up for me.

Sincerely yours,

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January 26, 1961

Dr. [redacted]
Thatcher Medical Center
960 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] has advised me of your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Personnel file of [redacted]

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory with respect to Dr. [redacted]. The only correspondence we have had with him is our outgoing letter of 3-30-60 considering a possible tour of Bureau Headquarters for him and his family. There is no indication as to whether such a tour was ever taken by the [redacted] family. See L. E. Short to McGuire memo dated 1-25-61, entitled "John Birch Society, 62-104401." LES:bpr

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TO : MR. MC GUIRE *McGuire*

DATE: 1-25-61

FROM : L. E. SHORR *Shorr*SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

Mr. Evans _____

Mrs. [redacted] supervisor Personnel Records Unit, Files and Communications Division, has received a personal letter from [redacted] who resides in Pasadena, California. Dr. [redacted] is a distant relative of Mrs. [redacted] husband.

In his letter Dr. [redacted] requests information concerning the "John Birch Society" pointing out that it was formed in 1958 by Robert Welch and currently has headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts. In his letter to Mrs. [redacted] pointed out that the outline of the society seems to be patriotic, anticommunist and to the right in political thought.

Bureau files reflect considerable correspondence concerning the John Birch Society. The society is alleged to be an anti-communist organization. The Bureau has conducted no investigation.

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That the attached letter be forwarded to Dr. [redacted] *Shorr*

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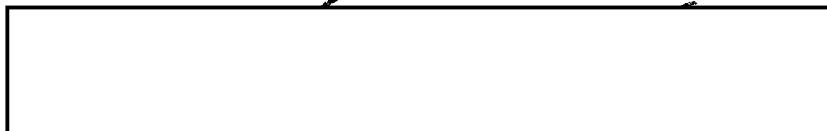
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3/24/61 - J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA

Where do we stand today with communism in the U.S?
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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January 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For some long while I have been extremely concerned that the Communists are making further inroads subversively within our nation and events in the world show how successful these tactics can be elsewhere. Please, God, not our country.

I am now reading the Blue Book of the John Birch Society - the founder is Robert Welch. Will you let me know if this organization is a bona fide - truly patriotic one to which I might lend my support? Thank you for your help - above all thank you for your lifetime of devoted service to this nation.

Sincerely,

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Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mrs.

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Your letter was received on January 23, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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You can obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB

One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Party, USA

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Communist Target--Youth

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17 Jan. 1961

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Jan 21, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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However I hesitate to join an organization of this type without knowing more about the same.

Does "The John Birch Society" have the approval of the F. B. I. ? Is it, as we have been told, one of the most effective ways the average citizen has of learning how to combat Communism?

I would gratefully appreciate hearing from your office on this subject.

Sincerely

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Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 1/27/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

Mr. MONTCLAIR SPEAR, former FBI Agent practicing law at the Jones Building, Seattle, Washington, advised by telephone on 1/26/61 that he was in possession of literature relative to the subject organization. He stated that some friends and associates of his who he did not identify are interested in having a meeting with him to interest him in the said organization.

Mr. SPEAR advised that he did not wish to identify himself with any organization which might be of a Facists or Communist character and that he is interested in doing what he can to fight the Communists.

Concerning the subject organization, Mr. SPEAR stated that it was his understanding that it was founded by Mr. ROBERT WELCH, a former Vice President of the National Association of Manufacturers. He related that the said Society gets its name from an American missionary named JOHN BIRCH, who allegedly was killed by the Red Chinese.

The idea of the Society, according to Mr. SPEAR, is to set up organized groups or chapters throughout the country for the purpose of bringing mass pressure on the Congress when legislation favorable to Communists is being considered by the Congress. This mass pressure will be felt by the Congress by an avalanche of letters to each Congressman being sent individually by each member of the Society opposing the legislation determined by the Society as being of aid or benefit to the Communists.

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Mr. SPEAR stated that he could not and would not abdicate his right to determine for himself what legislation he should oppose or support, should he become a member of this organization.

Mr. SPEAR mentioned that the Society suggests that the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit" be read by each member, and he related that a reprint of the Director's speech, "Communist Target--Youth," be read by the members of the Society, and such reprint has been sent by the Society to its members.

Mr. SPEAR was advised that the FBI would be unable to comment upon the subject organization and the Mr. WELCH mentioned, and he indicated that he understood the situation and went on to say that if he develops further information on the subject Society, he will relay the same to this office.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
1 - Mr. Simpson

SAC, Richmond

January 27, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401) 608 PERSONAL ATTENTION

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to your telephone call to Assistant Director A. H. Belmont on January 19, 1961, and your airtel dated January 20, 1961, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal Security),"

There are enclosed two copies of a letter dated January 20, 1961, from T. Coleman Andrews, Jr.

For your information, the John Birch Society (JBS) has not been investigated by the Bureau. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization created in 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer in Belmont, Massachusetts, and has branches throughout the United States. Welch and his organization have been very critical of former President Eisenhower. The Bureau has no record of having made use of the files of the JBS, and we have received no indication that the Ninth Naval District considers the organization subversive.

You are instructed to personally contact Mr. Andrews and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at the Bureau. He should be advised of the confidential nature of information in our files and that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI as an investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. He may be advised, however, that the FBI has never investigated the JBS or Robert H. W. Welch. It should be made clear to Mr. Andrews, however, that this statement should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization and individual by the FBI. You should also explain to Mr. Andrews that the FBI does not make use of the files of the JBS. During this contact, you should attempt to discreetly determine from Mr. Andrews the source of his statement that the Ninth Naval District considers the JBS subversive because of "the element of deceit."

The results of this contact should be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
RICHMOND

T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR.
RICHMOND CITY
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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

January 20, 1961

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Miss Gandy

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing your background and history as a dedicated and patriotic public servant I am writing to you in the hopes that you can enlighten me or at least reassure me.

As you will probably understand it is my opinion that the real threat to the survival of this country comes-not from the supply of hydrogen bombs which the Kremlin possesses, but rather with that incredible ability which it has to infiltrate and subvert the institutions of her enemies. I believe this threat to be so real, in fact, that I have decided that whatever I can do on an individual basis to resist and throw back the tide which is engulfing us, I will do with all my heart and soul.

There are many groups who have and are vehemently anti-communist. There are few, if any; however, which I can recall which has a positive program for meeting this menace which we face. One such group which has attracted my attention and, frankly, with which I am actively involved, is the John Birch Society. Undoubtedly you have read and know of the John Birch Society. In fact I am told that your organization has available to it and from time to time makes use of the files which the John Birch Society has.

I am disturbed, however, that the John Birch Society does not enjoy the reputation with all anti-communist groups which I think it deserves. I would be forever grateful to you if you would let me know whether or not your department has taken any position with respect to the work of the John Birch Society. That is, do you consider them as I understand the Ninth Naval District does, subversive because of "the element of deceit" in the writings of its founder and driving force, Robert Welch.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
January 20, 1961
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I am perfectly aware that you and your associates cannot put into writing the reports and evidence which you possess relative to certain situations and, I; therefore, would be happy to do whatever is necessary to meet personally with a representative of your organization who can give me the information that I desire consistent with your established policies.

Whatever you can do in this regard to enlighten and inform me I shall be forever grateful to you. In the meantime, thank you kindly for your indulgence and please be assured of my warmest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "T. Coleman Andrews, Jr.", written in dark ink.

T. Coleman Andrews, Jr.

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January 30, 1961

Post Office Box
Pampa, Texas

Dear Mr.

Your letter was received on January 23, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the group you named, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60

Press Release 12-22-60
Series from Christianity Today

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

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OFFICE
P.O. BOX
PAMPA, TEXAS

HOME

January 18, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society has been very enthusiastically received here in Pampa, Texas. Therefore, I am interested in receiving information concerning this group.

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Do you have any complaints or any other information which would substantiate that this society is not completely within the law or that it is non-American in principle or that it is not set up for the financial gain of any individuals within the management of the organization?

An early reply to this inquiry will sincerely be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-New)

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Lets 59-13 and 60-5 instructing Bureau be promptly notified in event chapter of The John Birch Society organized within territory.

On late afternoon of 1/18/61 LON BACKMAN, News Reporter, Radio Station WRVA, Richmond, advised he has done several radio commentaries regarding Communism, as he is becoming extremely concerned concerning Communist menace. He has received unusually heavy response and requests to address various groups on subject of Communism as a result. He has read Masters of Deceit and has received some public source material by corresponding with Bureau. He stated that in doing research he has become acquainted with T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR., who is organizing two Richmond Chapters of The John Birch Society. According to BACKMAN, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR. was one of the eleven men who, with WELCH, originally founded The John Birch Society in Massachusetts. The Society, which has published "The Blue Book", is now in the process of compiling "The Green Book." BACKMAN feels that The John Birch Society is one of the few groups in the country which is taking active positive steps to combat Communism, but before becoming identified with the Society, wanted information as to whether it is subversive. He also wanted any data which could be given him as to the Communism problem in Virginia, and in Richmond in particular. He was advised this information is confidential and has been directed to additional public source material.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel to Bureau dated 1/20/61

Re: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

On afternoon of 1/19/61, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR. appeared at office and stated he is interested in The John Birch Society and has heard that the group is considered subversive. Before proceeding further, he wanted information concerning it and was making the request, both in his capacity as a private citizen, and as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates representing Richmond. He stated he has been informed that a report emanating from the Ninth Naval District has characterized the Society as subversive on the basis of "deceitful claims." ANDREWS was advised that no data could be furnished him and indicated he was writing a letter to the Director to pose these questions.

Regarding BACKMAN, he is probably the most widely listened to radio news reporter in the City of Richmond. From conversation with him, he has attended the College of William and Mary and apparently graduated from the University of Washington in the State of Washington. Both he and ANDREWS are comparatively young, aged about middle thirties. ANDREWS is son of former U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Both appeared to be utterly sincere in their stated purpose of combating Communism, highly articulate, and if they persist in efforts to create this Society, will undoubtedly arouse a great deal of public interest in the subject. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR. presently heads an insurance firm in the City of Richmond.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 1-26-61

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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By telephone call to Mr. Belmont, 1-19-61, and airtel, 1-20-61, SAC Earl Brown (Richmond) advised of a call he had received from T. Coleman Andrews, Jr., requesting information concerning the John Birch Society (JBS). Andrews indicated he was going to write to the Bureau. SAC Brown suggested the Bureau may want him to contact Andrews and suggest he may want to carefully examine the literature of the JBS and make up his own mind concerning it.

Andrews has sent a letter to the Bureau dated 1-20-61 in which he discusses his belief that communism is a threat to this country and has decided to do what he can to resist it. He has learned of the JBS and requested to be advised what position, if any, the FBI has taken concerning it. He states he has been told that the FBI from time to time makes use of the files of the JBS. He also states he understands that the Ninth Naval District considers the organization subversive because of "the element of deceit." Andrews stated he would be happy to meet with a Bureau representative who can give him the information he desires consistent with our established policies.

Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning Andrews, and there is no indication we have had prior contacts with him. He is the son of T. Coleman Andrews, the former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, on whom we, likewise, have no derogatory information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SAC Brown be instructed to personally contact Andrews, orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at the Bureau, and advise him of the confidential nature of our files and that the Bureau cannot comment concerning the character or integrity of any organization. Andrews may be advised, however, that the Bureau has never investigated the JBS but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the JBS by the FBI. SAC Brown should also be instructed to make it clear to Andrews that the FBI does not make use of the files of the JBS. SAC Brown should discreetly ascertain the basis for Andrews' statement that the Ninth Naval District considers the organization subversive. Attached is a suggested letter to SAC, Richmond.

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January 31, 1961


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Globe Exploration Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 4547
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. 

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I have received your letter of January 24 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

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January 24, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Like a number of Americans, I feel a growing concern for the communist menace, both domestically and internationally, and I am interested in doing all possible as a private citizen to combat it.

I would appreciate any comments you or your office could make, about the John Birch Society. I have read a good bit of their literature and, on the surface, it looks like a worthwhile organization that I would like to join if your Department has no reason to suspect that they are not acting in good faith.

Sincerely yours,

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January 30, 1961

Downey, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 23, 1961, and I understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism. I am enclosing some material on this general subject which you may like to read.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB

One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Party, USA

Where do we stand today with communism in the U.S?

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

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Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. He publishes "The Dan Smoot Report" at Dallas, Texas, on a weekly basis. This newssheet deals with various topics such as communism, desegregation, etc. and its articles are frequently controversial.

"American Opinion" is the title of the publication of the John Birch Society. "Human Events" is a very conservative anticommunism weekly newsletter published in Washington, D. C. It has been critical of the Soviet Union, and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Its [REDACTED] is on the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List and cordial correspondence have been had with him regarding favorable references to "Masters of Deceit" and other recent speeches and statements of the Director's.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Downey
Calif.

Jan. 20 - 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: -

My husband is a Mason- the Downey Post #270 The American Legion presented the Masonic Lodge with a few of your books "Masters of Deceit.

I have before me pamphlets of "American Opinion" "Human Events," "The Dan Smoot Report" others from the John Birch Society - of which I have just become a member. I read them and then wonder how we can escape the threat, save our country and freedom. I ask my husband and son to read them too but Mr. says it is all in your book. It is said there are many clubs & societies to join that promise peace & freedom but turn out to be strong for communism.

We are so unhappy over the election returns of last Nov. I can hardly bear to hear the name Kennedy, I will not take time to watch any of the Jan 20 celebration.

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Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Sincerely,

January 31, 1961

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr.

3/24/61 J. Edgar Hoover

I have received your cordial letter of January 24, 1961, and I did want you to know how much I appreciate your generous comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has never been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

I can understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. I am sending, under separate cover, several items outlining my views on communism which you might like to read in addition to my series of articles which appeared in "Christianity Today."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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 Miss Gandy ☐

Midland, Texas
 Jan. 24, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. David Lawrence recently wrote in his column about your concern over the infiltration of various church groups by the Communist Party. This is a matter of deep concern for me also. First of all as a Christian layman (Methodist) and second as a practicing American. I have done my best to find copies of the three articles you wrote for Christianity Today, however all of my minister friends have either not kept their copies or they have them loaned out. Can you tell me how to secure a copy of those articles?

During the Korean War I was a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps and am still active in the army reserve with my basic branch being MI (CIC). My training in the Corps has given me an awareness of the dangers of communist infiltration and a wariness of any organization that claims to be anti-communist and 100% American yet is semi-secret and avoids the public spotlight. I have been approached by a person who claims to be a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which, according to his description, is just such an organization. I have never heard of the group before, which may be to my discredit, however if it does all that was outlined to me then it would appear to be a worthy organization. It was founded by Robert Welch who, among other things, is a candy manufacturer; I know nothing of Mr. Welch either. Inasmuch as I was asked to join the Society, I wondered if you had any information on this organization or its founder - any, that is, that you could send me?

In closing I would like to say that your book Masters of Deceit should be required reading in every high school or college Civics and Government course. It is the most clear and concise (and readable I might add) work on this greatest threat to Democracy. God bless you and may you and your department have continued success in The Battle.

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62-1244-1-615 January 30, 1961

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Torrance, California

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

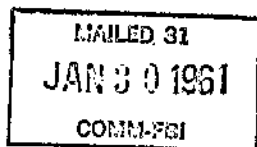
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Your letter of January 18, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and your kind remarks are deeply appreciated. It is reassuring to know that you are aware of the vital necessity of the American people acquiring a broad knowledge of the ultimate objectives of the communist menace in order that we might effectively resist its influence.

In response to your request for my views on outlawing the Communist Party in the United States, I am enclosing my statement of March 26, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 17 of which sets forth my opinion on this subject. With respect to your other inquiries, on January 16, 1961, the Honorable Cecil R. King forwarded a letter he had received from you containing similar questions. Mr. King requested the assistance of the FBI in answering them and you undoubtedly have already received a copy of my reply to him, which was dated January 23, 1961, together with some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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The self-addressed, stamped envelope which you enclosed is being returned.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Director's statement before HCUA of 3-26-47.

Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed, stamped envelope)

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LETTER TO MRS. [REDACTED]
JANUARY 30, 1961

NOTE: The only identifiable reference to Mrs. [REDACTED] is the one indicated in letter. She should not be confused with Miss [REDACTED] a chronic correspondent. Files were not reviewed on Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] because of lengthy search. Her reference to them deliberately ignored as letter to Congressman King stated that we could not comment on individuals, publications, or organizations. [REDACTED]

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The John Birch Society has been the subject of numerous inquiries and is well known to the Bureau as an anticommunist organization headed by Robert Welch.

TRUE COPY

January 18, 1961

Mr. Hoover --

Have just finished reading your book "Masters of Deceit" -- tremendous! Very complete and informative! You have done a great service to the public in publishing it.

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My parents are foreign born (Greece). From a small girl, I remember my Mother constantly telling us what a wonderful country we live in - this great America. I am fiercely loyal and patriotic, so I'm sure I don't have to tell you how it makes my blood boil to see and read what is going on to undermine our Country. And what bothers me more is the apathy and disinterest of most of the young mothers I know. I have 2 small children and I assure you I don't want them subjected to slavery.

Isn't there some way whereby more of our public could be reached and informed so that mothers and fathers can take a stand against what is very obviously and inciduously taking place in our schools, let alone our government and Supreme Court. ? Can't you send out more of your men to speak on this subversive conspiracy at various club meetings and especially at public utility plants - gas, water, electricity, etc. - every single public and government employee should be exposed to this information and I can't think of a better informed and capable organization than the FBI.

I am wondering about joining the John Burch Society which sounds like the answer to what I am seeking in the way of fighting Communism in my (limited) way. But I want to be absolutely sure I am not getting into something I shouldn't. Do you recommend this organization? Please let me know.

Can you also tell me exactly what steps would have to be taken in order to make Communists punished by law for committing treason against our Country and outlawing the Communist Party. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that this is a plausible solution.

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Does your office have information it can give out in regard to Steve Allen and his wife and their activities? They caused quite a furor here in Los Angeles the other day. They were presented on Paul Coate's show last night in order to defend themselves. They were very cautious not to say anything against our Country (and at the same time I noticed they did not say one word against Communism, either); however, it seemed to me they gave themselves away several times not only by their guilty, nervous approach but by their remarks. They tried so hard-in fact, too hard, - it was actually corny. However, I have to admit they were very, very clever and I'm sure after their program a lot of good people were more confused than they were before they heard it.

Of course, I may be wrong, but somehow I felt there were a few loopholes in their statements which didn't make sense to me.

For our country's sake, please keep up the wonderful work you are doing - the way things look, your organization is the only one I can trust & believe in - & that goes for a lot.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Please answer about the John Burch Society in enclosed envelope.

Also, please excuse this messy letter - I don't have the time to re-write it now - it's hard to think about 2 precious little ones tearing up the house!

Hastily - but
most sincerely,

Mrs. [Redacted Name]

P. S. - You should see my 4 year old daughter stand at attention when she hears the "Star Spangled Banner" - which is played much too seldom as far as I'm concerned!

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Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter dated January 17, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI. Your generous evaluation of my book, "Masters of Deceit," is also appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent's married name per prior correspondence. She forwarded a commendatory letter on 8-13-60 stating she was a member of the John Birch Society. She asked for information concerning the group at that time and Bulet 8-22-60 forwarded numerous publications on the subject of communism. (62-104401-246)

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BUS TERMINAL BUILDING
POST OFFICE BOX 508
MARYVILLE, TENN.

January 17th, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I would be grateful for some information from you. I am a member of the John Birch Society of Maryville, Tennessee. The purpose of such organization, as you no doubt know, is to fight communism. Recently one [REDACTED] of the First Methodist Church of Wichita, Kansas, spoke in Johnson City, Tennessee. He lambasted the John Birch Society and left the definite impression that the John Birch Society was a communist group. Is the John Birch Society a communist organization? If so, I certainly do not want to belong to it. I cannot believe that this is true but want to know the facts.

Congratulations on the wonderful work that you have done through the years in exposing and fighting communism. I have your very excellent book, Masters of Deceit, and sincerely wish it was required reading for all high school and college students.

Thanking you for the information concerning the John Birch Society, I am,

Gratefully yours,

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/27/61

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3396)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 60-5 dated January 26, 1960, and Little Rock letter dated December 19, 1960.

For the Bureau's information, Mr. [redacted] of the Arkansas Real Estate Association, 414 Pyramid Life Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, contacted the Little Rock Office on January 27, 1961, for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the SAC and to advise him of the activities of this society in the Little Rock area.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had read ROBERT WELCH'S book commonly referred to as "The Blue Book" and stated that he was conversant with the background of WELCH personally.

He said that the purpose of this organization, so far as he is concerned, is to fight Communism. According to [redacted] this organization was formed in Arkansas with a local chapter first being started in Little Rock during the summer of 1960. Subsequently, he said two chapters were formed at Searcy and Benton, Arkansas, with meetings being held monthly. He said that the dues for male members are \$2.00 a month and for wives or ladies, \$1.00 a month.

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[redacted] advised that WELCH tells the organization what to do about fighting Communism. He said the current program of the organization is the impeachment of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice EARL WARREN. He said the organization nationally currently has about 200,000 members and has a goal of having more than a million members.

Mr. [redacted] said that he was very disturbed over the fact that the magazine The American Mercury cannot be found anywhere in the Little Rock area on the newsstands; that a member of this society has indicated the local distributor

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said the reason for the magazine not being available is that there is no demand for it. While on the other hand, the paper bound book "Inherit the Wind", which he described as the brainwashing technique utilized by Communism was very accessible on the Little Rock newsstands. [] indicated that they were going to contact the local distributor for periodicals to look into how this situation came about.

[] The following documents were made available by [] which are being furnished to the Bureau for its information:

(1) Six page memorandum to the Board of Deacons and Elders. First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from [] Lay Member of the First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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(2) Reprint from American Mercury magazine of August, 1958.

(3) Booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists" published by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

(4) One page appeal entitled "This is a Plea on Bended Knee."

[] stated that he wished the FBI to have these documents as an indication of the type of activities and interests of the organization.

[] was specifically questioned as to whether the organization had any other purposes other than to fight Communism and he said it had none.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM LITTLE ROCK

One (1) memorandum to Board of Deacons and Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Okla.

One (1) reprint from American Mercury magazine in August, 1958.

One (1) booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists"

One (1) appeal entitled "This is a Plea on Bended Knee."

Re: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Harold Lord Varney

the stereotype of an unassuming, down-to-earth, folksy man, and the American people were ready to buy it. Not a legal giant like Stone or Hughes or Taft, Warren was expected to be a good—if not a great—Chief Justice.

The aftermath has been a sickening revelation. Only four and a half years after his appointment, Warren is appraised by millions of Americans as probably the worst Chief Justice in history. A professed Republican, he has demonstrated to his party that an Eisenhower Supreme Court can be more despicable than the much disparaged courts of a Roosevelt or a Truman. In his brief term of service, Warren and the Democratic Justices with

From The American Mercury, August, 1958

AMERICAN MERCURY

250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

THIS IS A PLEA ON BENDED KNEE.

If you oppose communism, spare no effort to get every person you can (businessman, teacher, clergy, student, school, library, organization, etc.) to order a one year subscription to AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly publication by Robert Welch, Belmont 78, Mass., and HUMAN EVENTS, a current events news letter with editorial each week, published by Frank Hanighen, 408 First Street SE, Washington 3, D. C.

Mail the \$12.00 to AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont 78, Mass., for subscription to both.

This is urgent -- any sacrifice is justifiable.

Please copy this and pass to others who can help the cause of freedom.

First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of Capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack. It will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands -----Lenin

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MEMORANDUM

To Board of Deacons and Elders
First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 20, 1960

In view of the serious charges now being leveled against the organization known as the National Council of Churches, the question arises: Should our church continue its financial support without further question?

Like most church members, I have heretofore taken for granted that the top association of our leading Christian churches would always be above reproach. However the Air Force Manual incident has disclosed a very disturbing situation, which has put the National Council of Churches on trial before the court of public opinion. It seems logical therefore to inform ourselves as to the nature of the organization we are supporting - its history, its activities, its personnel.

This memorandum would be much too long if a review of all the mass of material which has been carefully analyzed by me over the past several weeks was included. But please be assured that my purpose has been to learn the truth without prejudice.

My research covered the reading of many bulletins issued by committees of Congress, speeches of well informed Congressmen as published in the Congressional Record, and also a mass of published reports, pamphlets, etc., both pro and con. I made a trip to Wichita, Kansas, especially to interview the pastor of the largest Baptist church in Kansas to learn first hand why that church by vote of its congregation withdrew its support of the National Council. I have held several L.D. conversations with prominent personages in Washington, D.C., in my effort to learn the whole truth.

After more than six weeks of intensive investigation, I am forced to the conclusion that there is far more to this situation than first meets the eye or appears on the surface, and that it is far too serious a matter to be lightly dismissed. We must not forget the fact that we are actually at war with a ruthless enemy that is determined to "bury us" as he has so successfully buried by DEATH or SLAVERY, millions of our brothers.

It is not conclusive to say "Surely the leaders of our top church association are too smart and faithful to the cause of Christ to harbor any of His enemies or in any way lend aid and comfort to them." We cannot forget that the astute Secretary of State, Dean Acheson could not believe that his good friend Alger Hiss was an enemy agent. Nor can we forget that Klaus Fuchs and the Rosenbergers escaped detection until after their dirty work had been accomplished. It is folly to assume that the enemy would not make use of the National Council of Churches if it could do so to accomplish its purposes.

Vampires sustain themselves by sucking blood out of their victims. The lamprey eel attaches itself to the body of a healthy fish and sucks its substance therefrom. In like manner these communist "MASTERS OF DECEIT" suck their financial support out of the poor fish to whom they attach themselves. Their favorite method is to form a FRONT with a high sounding title and solicit funds from the unwary to promote a seemingly good cause. They also worm their way into already existing organizations and bore from within for their sustenance.

Are the following circumstances creditable evidence that some Masters of Deceit are, or have been, at work on, or within, the body of the National Council of Churches?

EXHIBIT I - A booklet published in 1957 by and at the expense of the National Council of Churches included a "Reading List" of recommended books and authors. That list has scattered within it as recommended authors the names of many well known communist or communist front supporters. For example, nine of the recommended books from one single author were written by the notorious Langston Hughes. The same man wrote the song for the Eighth Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., the first lines of which are:

"Put one more S in the U.S.A. To make it Soviet.
One more S in the U.S.A. Oh, we'll live to see it yet."

Is it possible that some of my contribution to my own church is being sucked through the NCC into the financial support of this man by the sale of his books? Unbelievable, but there it is!

EXHIBIT II - The present active Communist "Peace Offensive" has been exposed by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a "Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States." It named among the FRONT organizations in this "peace" campaign the "Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact." It also disclosed the names of the five men who initiated the formation of that FRONT. One of them is the

present president of the National Council of Churches, Edwin T. Dahlberg.

EXHIBIT III - In July 1954 the National Council of Churches accepted a donation of \$200,000.00 in cash from Walter Reuther's organization, whereupon one of Reuther's men, Albert Whitehouse, was named a vice-president of the National Council of Churches. What did Walter Reuther get for his money? Could there be any payola involved in the fact that the NCC saw fit then to issue an entire pamphlet attacking the whole principle of the Right-to-Work Laws. This pamphlet was made wide use of by labor leaders all over the land in their fight against Right-to-Work legislation. This is the same Walter Reuther who, while in Russia, wrote back to a friend in America to "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America."

EXHIBIT IV - At a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958, the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the NCC adopted a resolution in favor of the diplomatic recognition of Red China by the United States and the seating of that government in the United Nations. (That would increase the Soviet voting power against us.)

An active vice-president, (then and now) of the National Council of Churches, Bishop Bromley Oxnam, was the keynote speaker. He and 88 other officers and staff members of the NCC dominated that conference and issued the pronouncement as being the unanimous vote of all the delegates. There were many protests to no avail. Subsequently a committee of five prominent Christian gentlemen took a poll of 50,000 ministers all over America and found that over 80% of them are opposed to any such recognition. Those gentlemen were Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Norman Vincent Peal, Bishops Corson and Welch of the Methodist Church, and Congressman Walter Judd, a former Missionary of China.

The Communist Press was jubilant over their success at Cleveland, for the recognition of Red China by our government has been one of the major goals of the Communist Conspiracy for many years. The "Worker" in its issue of Nov. 30, 1958 carried the headline, "38 million Protestants Tell Ike: Recognize China!"

Many other exhibits could be cited if space permitted, which would show how pronouncements from the leaders of the National Council have frequently followed the "Party Line" and have well served the communist conspiracy.

Re. The National Council of Churches:

At this point it may be well to check into the history, activities and present personnel of the National Council, and to that end, I am enclosing a copy of a booklet issued by the Southern Presbyterian Journal. The contents of this booklet were well substantiated by my checking many other references in the public library. A careful reading of it at this point will make more understandable that which follows:

Re. The Air Force Manual:

The Air Force conducts a training course of instructions to its cadets, the better to qualify them as efficient guardians of our national security. In order to alert these cadets to the communist menace, a portion of the training manual issued in January, this year, contained a chapter entitled "Communism and Religion."

After reading that chapter carefully, its purpose was unmistakable, viz: To warn the student that he should be prepared to find communist activity in every field of human endeavor, even including the field of religion, where he would least expect it.

The original manual is no longer available, but attached hereto is a reprint of the pertinent parts of it, and it is suggested that the first and last paragraphs, which I have circled with blue pencil, be read first. What lies between these two paragraphs was obviously presented as examples to show how insidious communist activities have already wormed their way into our highest church organization.

In early February this year, when I read in my morning newspaper, that the National Council of Churches had summarily demanded retraction and apologies from an agency of our government which was designed specifically to guard our National security, without first offering any evidence to refute the charges this thought went through my mind:

"What would one think of the captain of the Queen Mary, if while in the middle of the Atlantic, with a full load of passengers, upon receiving an urgent warning from the government that aboard his ship was a bunch of fanatics, determined and ready either to take over his ship or scuttle it, he did nothing but demand the withdrawal of the warning and require an apology from those who sent it?

From such an action it would be logical to conclude that the Captain was either stupid, incompetent, or in cahoots with the conspirators!

Upon receipt of that same sort of a demand from the Captain of the good ship NCC, Congressman Walker, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee requested the ship's Captain to come and review the evidence upon which the warning was based and to present anything that would refute it. Mr. Walker's request was ignored, but instead immediately a campaign of smear and ridicule was launched against Mr. Walker, as well as against any and all others who dared question the infallibility of the high priests of the National Council of Churches.

It is obvious from the nature of the press releases and the articles that are appearing in certain publications (including the Presbyterian Life) that the leaders of the NCC are making a great effort to discredit and belittle the Un-American Activities Committee. That in itself well serves the communist conspiracy, for to do just that has long been a prime objective of the conspirators.

On February 27th under an UPI report, the newspapers carried the story of how six prominent Protestant leaders at the NCC Convention, then being held in Oklahoma City, had signed a telegram to Chairman Walker which demanded in the name of 60 million Protestants, that he retract and apologize for his untrue statements which he had made in support of the truth of the Air Force Manual testimony. That telegram in effect was publicly calling Mr. Walker a liar! That tactic again followed the well known communist pattern of "immediately smear and vilify personally any man that opposes you". It was that telegram which became the "spark that disturbed my clod".

It shocked me to discover that the first two names on that telegram were those of the two top leaders in our own Presbyterian national organization, viz; Eugene Carson Blake, formerly a president of the National Council of Churches, but now our Stated Clerk, and Rev. Arthur Miller, our present Moderator.

At this point I decided to dig into this matter and find the answer to the question put to us by Dr. Kirkland in his memorandum of March 13th, viz: "Is it true or false that the Council has been infiltrated by some persons or opinions which are communistic or lean toward it?"

From a careful study of the evidence available I cannot escape the conclusion it is a well established fact that numerous persons within the official family of the National Council of Churches, have been and still are giving aid and comfort to the communist conspiracy, by affiliating themselves with notorious Communist Front Organizations.

A recent flagrant case in point, involved one of the most active Vice-Presidents of the NCC, wherein he insisted upon aiding that tried and convicted Communist, Carl Braden, stage a "Communist Front Sponsored" meeting as late as on January 31st this year in the Asbury Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. He did this even after he had been fully advised as to the character of the organization with which he was affiliating himself.

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

In 2 Corinthians 11-13 (According to the Revised Standard Version) it is written, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."

SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:

Why did the National Council sponsor the issuance of the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible, when we already had good modern translations available? Why did it include among the 95 men it employed to produce this Version, so many "Fellow Travellers", i.e. men whose records showed them to have been affiliated with not one but many Red Front organizations? Is it possible that we have already reached the stage in America where we cannot find 95 qualified scholars to do this sort of a job, without having to include 30 who have aided the communist conspiracy?

Why did the Council maintain ownership of the copyright title to this Standard Version, unless it was to provide a fabulous income from royalties which would make the small leadership group, (including the Fellow Travellers) free and independent of the opinions of the 38 million church members that give them their prestige?

The arrogance displayed by this small leadership group, now in control of the National Council of Churches, in this Air Force Manual incident, in claiming that

they speak the united mind of all of us, is becoming more and more repugnant to vast numbers of Christian ministers and laymen.

Dr. Daniel Poling, one of America's most eminent Christian leaders, stated in an editorial in the May 1959 issue of the Christian Herald,

"In sorrow, we must conclude that the N.C.C. has steadily become a social action body almost to the exclusion of the evangelical and evangelistic emphasis and program."

To which should be added that so long as the N.C.C. would direct its efforts toward the relief of human suffering in the area of Christian Charity and Service, it would command our respect and support, but when under that cloak of deceit it lends the prestige of its good name to further the cause of conspirators who are dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all religious organizations, it is high time we Christians took notice of it.

WHAT EFFECT IS IT HAVING?

J. Howard Pew, president of the Sun Oil Company, and one of the outstanding leaders of our Presbyterian laymen, who was the chairman of the original Lay Committee that raised \$600,000.00 to finance the founding of the National Council of Churches, addressed the recent Chicago meeting of Presbyterian Men. He said,

"The activities of the National Council of Churches is seriously hurting the Presbyterian pocketbook". He told them that the top hierarchy of the Presbyterian Church is having more trouble than ever in history, raising money to keep itself and its missionary program going and that the reason for the trouble is the fact that it insists upon affiliating itself with the National Council of Churches."

That is the national effect, but what of our local situation? In the March 22nd issue of the Tulsa Tribune there was published a letter that I am convinced reflects the attitude of more people than we know about. I do not know who wrote it, but I have heard several responsible men voice the same reaction. It reads as follows:

"AIR RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL
Editor, The Tribune:

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications." This quote is from an Air Reserve Center Training Manual-NR. 45-0050-INCR.V-Vol. 7.

In a city the size of Tulsa, with practically all of the larger churches belonging to and supporting the National Council of Churches of Christ, why hasn't this accusation been denied, proven wrong, and action thus taken? Or, if it is true, why are our major churches supporting such an organization?

Every American who attends a church affiliated with the National Council of Churches of Christ should demand an acceptable explanation of this controversy. If our citizens continue to close their eyes to this type of situation, no one need fear a third world war or the threat of being bombed. The Communists will soon be able to assume control from inside America. It is complacency of this sort which our leaders are constantly warning us about.

I attend one of Tulsa's largest churches which supports the National Council of Churches of Christ. If an adequate explanation is not offered--even though I have gone to this church for years and am deeply attached to it--I will be forced by my own conscience to begin attending services elsewhere. I refuse to support and aid the Communist party with its mutiny in America!

Tulsa

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The above letter is typical of the flood of letters and telegrams which have reached Chairman Walker within the past few weeks. They are evidence that in fact the leaders of the Council are on trial before the court of public opinion.

These men cannot restore lost confidence by resorting to the tactics they are now using, viz; applying the epithet "hate mongering church destroyers" to any and all who question their actions or pronouncements. They are using that old forensic trick of misleading the gullible by setting up straw men and then shooting them down to distract attention from the real issue.

A good example of that type of deceptive and devious argument is displayed in an

article published in the March 26th issue of our own Presbyterian Life magazine on page 17. The straw men it sets up therein reads.....

"Inasmuch as, the manual and a preceeding 1955 security indoctrination manual contain as official statements certain libelous and untrue accusations, against the whole body of Protestant clergymen, against the Churches of the United States, and against the National Council of Churches as an organization of many of those churches.".....etc. etc.

The wording of that premise is so obviously a distortion of the statements made in the Manual, that only a "MASTER OF DECEIT" could have written it. The Air Force Manual made no such blanket accusation against the whole body of Presbyterian clergymen, against the churches of the United States, or against the National Council of Churches as an organization.

The writers of that distortion well knew that by publishing it in the Presbyterian Life magazine it would be read by thousands of good Presbyterians who would have had no opportunity to read the Manual. So on the face of it, a clever fraud has been perpetrated on thousands of unsuspecting church members. This also fits perfectly into the pattern of deception, which a true follower of Christ must abhor.

Rep. Gordon H. Scherer of Ohio, for eight years a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee puts it thus:

"Every time we have inquired into the attempts of Communists or Communist-Fronters to worm their way into churches, the committee has been bitterly attacked and charged with investigating religion - with opposing churches - with interfering with religious freedom in violation of the Constitution..... Instead of bitterly resenting this committee, these good people should join hand in hand with us in what I believe is, and should be, a mutual objective, namely to better understand the nature of the communist techniques and objectives insofar as religion and the church are concerned and to strengthen our religious institutions so that they can become an even greater bulwark against the most deadly enemy, not only of free men, but also of the church itself."

A mere handful of delegates to that Cleveland convention ten years ago took their whole denominations into the National Council, without ever submitting their actions to the individual churches for approval or ratification.

It now appears that under its present leadership this well intentioned organization has become "a powerful political lobby for socialism, hiding behind the facade of a Christian name and enjoying the tax-exemption of a church institution". Its present leaders are in command of its tremendous income from the pockets of millions of unsuspecting good people, together with the powerful prestige from the position it assumes of being their spokesman, a perfect medium to propogate communist ideology. No wonder that its leaders so easily intimidated the politicians and the Pentagon officials as they did in this Air Force Manual incident.

Surely the leaders of any organization calling itself Christian should keep themselves above reproach but from the foregoing it is obvious that within the group now in control of the National Council of Churches there are some who have brought that organization into disrepute by associating themselves with Red Front activities.

These men, doubtless, are among those so well described by the chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee in a recent speech. He said:

"There is an influential hard core in the leadership circles of this Nation - who simply do not or will not understand that communism is communism, and that Communists are Communists. They do not recognize the plain obvious fact that the Soviet Union and its satellites, together with Red China, with almost a billion people in its orbit, are at war with the free world and that the United States of America is the principal target. It is a war which has already cost us billions of our treasury and the blood of our youth. It is a total war involving force, subversion, diplomatic deceit, psychological maneuvers and intrigue by every device of which devilish minds are capable. It is a war in which there can be no compromise. It is a war in which we face either victory or slavery or death."

The question now before you officials of the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma is: Shall you continue to include in the budget of our church an item in cash to be sent to and spent by those in control of the N.C.C. as they may see fit, without question; or shall this church take advantage of a splendid opportunity to "stand up and be counted".

Our pastor, [redacted] in the splendid sermon on Communism which he gave us in November 1958, said:

"We shall never defeat Communism by sitting quietly in the middle of the road. Victory will come only when men and women face life as it is and say in the daily market place 'I am utterly Christs'. We need to stand up and be counted in America's great struggle against Communism."

The Rev. Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, told the Daughters of the American Revolution just a few days ago (April 22, 1960) that "Churchmen who advocate admitting Red China into the United Nations are blind and gullible". He also told them that a survey of churchmen in a group to which he belongs, i.e. the Committee of One Million, showed nine to one against admission of Red China into the United Nations.

In spite of the fact that 80 to 90 percent of the ministers of our land appear to be in opposition to the pronouncement made by the small coterie in command of the National Council, that group persists in pressuring Congress to do just what the Communists want, viz., accept Red China into the family of nations, so it can join its vote with that of the Kremlin against us.

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In view of the recent actions of those in control of the Council wherein they have tried to suppress, belittle and ridicule any and all who question their activities, and in view of the fact that many among them still persist in affiliating themselves with Red Front activities, and so often slant their pronouncements in the direction pleasing to the Communist Conspirators. it is logical to conclude that the present management of the Council is in the hands of men unworthy of our further confidence.

Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty, and "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing". Our Master did not hesitate to throw out of the temple those He found therein who were desecrating it.

Do we have the courage to withdraw our support as did the First Baptist Church of Wichita, or will we continue to be led like a bunch of sheep to our own slaughter? That decision is up to you, the official members of our church, to make.

Sincerely submitted

[redacted]

Lay Member of the
First Presbyterian Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/1/61

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-9991)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 1/27/61.

On the afternoon of 1/31/61 the instructions contained in ref Bulet were carried out in a personal interview with Mr. T. COLEMAN/ANDREWS, JR.

He appeared to be pleased and satisfied with the information furnished.

Regarding the source of his statement that the Ninth Naval District considers the Society to be subversive, Mr. ANDREWS said that he had received a letter from a friend of his, whom he did not identify. He gathered that this statement was based on a report his friend had seen from the Ninth Naval District, as his correspondent, in turn, has a friend attached thereto. Mr. ANDREWS stated that his father, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR., is a personal acquaintance with the new Secretary of the Navy and that he intends through this channel to obtain further data regarding this Naval characterization.

I have the impression after this interview that ANDREWS intends to proceed with his activities in this Society.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Jan. 31, 1961

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Following is information regarding this Society
at Cody, Wyoming:

On January 14, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Cody, Wyoming, in a letter to SA ARTHUR W. ENGSTROM of the Denver Office, advised there is considerable controversy raging in Cody about the plans of the local school district to bring a psychologist into that community to promote mental health in the school. She stated that the John Birch Society in that community was fighting this plan pertaining to mental health. *Informant*

She enclosed a copy of the January 12, 1961 issue of the Cody (Wyo.) Enterprise which contains many letters supporting the Park County (Wyo.) Mental Health Association and defending the activities of that association from attacks from the Cody "cell" of the John Birch Society. *Informant*

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Welfare Department, Cody, voluntarily furnished the following information to SA [redacted] *Wyoming*

The John Birch Society at Cody meets monthly in various private homes of members. They call their groups "cells" and they advocate the elimination of Federal income tax and the abolition of any organization which supports the mental health program. The Cody "cell" is made up of only *B*

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local Cody residents. The leader is [redacted] and two members are [redacted]

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subject ~~No investigation is being conducted this division regarding this organization and this letter is being furnished the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions.~~

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Cody, Wyoming

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Dear Mrs. 

3/22/86 Jp Macmillan

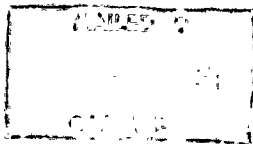
Your letter, with enclosure, was received on January 26, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

In response to your request, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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FBI
REC'D-READING ROOM

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention

One Nation's Response to Communism

10-18-60 Speech

Correspondent's envelope she enclosed

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Address and "Mrs." per enclosed envelope which was returned. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time

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Jan. 23, 1961.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
U.S. Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in knowing about the John Birch Society and
know that your department is the best-informed agency that I
could write to. A society has been organized here in Cody
and I want to know more about it. If it is fighting against
Communism, I'm for it.

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Sincerely yours,



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[Redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter was received on January 25, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which is available on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) See next page

NOTE: Bufiles reflect a form submitted in the name of Mr. [Redacted] by the Air Force Security Service. They are otherwise not identified in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Communist Party, USA
17th National Convention
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

JANUARY 23, 1961

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM AND WANT TO BE AFFILIATED WITH AN ACTIVE GROUP. SOMEONE HAS TOLD ME OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OPERATING IN MANY STATES AND MORE SPECIFICALLY HERE IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. MY HUSBAND IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INACTIVE RESERVES CONNECTED WITH THE SECURITY SERVICE. HE NECESSARILY HAS TO BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS TO JOIN ONLY A GROUP THAT IS A TRULY AMERICAN ORGANIZATION IN INTENT AND PURPOSE. WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE YOUR FINDINGS ON THIS GROUP.

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

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62-104401-622

February 2, 1961

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Costa Mesa, California

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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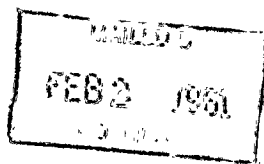
Your letter was received on January 30, 1961, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Your interest in combating the atheistic menace of communism is indeed gratifying, and I am enclosing some material which may be of aid to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (6)

God and Country or Communism
Communist Party, USA
How to Beat Communism
Where do we stand today with communism
Communists are after our Minds
Struggle on a New Plane

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J. Edgar Hoover
Fed Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:

What is your opinion in regard to the
John Birch Society? Do you feel that is is an effective
anti-Communist Organization?

Respectfully,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Costa Mesa, Calif.

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P.S. Is there anything else a citizen can do to combat the
communist conspiracy?

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Fed Bureau of Investigation.

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Respectfully

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February 2, 1961

62-10440
[Redacted]
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

The copy of your letter to the President of Columbia Broadcasting System, mailed January 27, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for furnishing me your views on this subject.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that we have not investigated the organization you mentioned. This is not to be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that Mrs. [Redacted] contacted the Cincinnati Office on 7-10-57 and complained that SA Joseph H. Ziegler had taken unfair advantage of her. She had paid SA Ziegler a \$200 deposit on his house and then wanted a release from the contract. In addition, the sum of \$250 was to be paid to Ziegler for breaking the contract. According to her attorney, this was a bribe. It is noted that SA Ziegler was endeavoring to sell his house upon his transfer from Cincinnati to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The sale was put in the hands of a real estate agent and she offered Ziegler through the agent \$2,000 less than his asking price which he accepted. She then wished to change her mind at which time he referred the matter to the real estate agent in view of the

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

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fact that he was committed to pay an \$800 commission to the real estate agent. Upon advice from his attorney, Ziegler asked for the forfeiture of the \$200 deposit as well as \$250 for damages of breaking the contract. No action was taken against Ziegler as it appeared that Mrs. [REDACTED] complaint was unjustified. In view of the above, this type reply to her communication is felt appropriate.

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

No investigation of Edward R. Murrow has been made by the Bureau. He has received both favorable and unfavorable comments by the communist press on his TV programs. In 1942, he was listed as a sponsor for the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime, cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

[Redacted]
Mt. Thomas, Ky.

Copy of letter mailed 1/27/61

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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To: President
Columbia Broadcasting System
Television Department
New York, New York

Re: "The Beat Majority" - Ed Murrow

Dear Sir:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I have meant to write you for some time
with reference to the above BRAINWASHING
program that was aired recently.

As evidenced by our recent "election" I
would say that if there is a beat majority,
and there is, it is the good American people
stretched from sea to sea within our borders
and certainly not the leftists concentrated
in our big cities.

Mr. Edward R. Murrow's vituperative and
twisted interpretation of the actions of
Mr. Ervin, the gentleman from Oklahoma,
who was brave enough to cast his electoral
vote for Messrs. Byrd and Goldwater, was the
most revolting display of fraud I have ever
seen over the media of T. V.

I believe now that the author of "Red Star

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Over Cuba" was quite correct in his belief that Mr. Murrow may be the reason America never heard the true story of Castro and his Cuba until it was too late.

I demand the removal of Mr. Murrow from any further participation in any program on your network or any other.

I expect an answer to this letter.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.)

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r. s. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover: I mailed the above letter under date of 1/28/61

Also, I am considering becoming a member of the John Birch Society. Is it as worthy an organization as I feel it is?

Thank you.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 1, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
INFORMATION CONCERNING - (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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The Department by memorandum 1-12-61 requested to be advised if the Bureau has any information regarding allegations made by Revido P. Oliver in the October, 1959, edition of the "American Opinion" in article captioned "A Review of Reviews" that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) was infiltrated by communists.

Oliver contended (1) that between 70% and 80% of the responsible officers in the DHEW are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy, (2) that a Congressional investigation would disclose such falsifications of travel records as to create presumptive proof that some members of the Department really serve as communist couriers, (3) that a campaign is under way within the DHEW to purge it of all employees suspected of anticommunist tendencies. The Department suggested the Bureau may wish to ascertain from Oliver the basis for his statements regarding the DHEW.

The "American Opinion" is an anticommunist publication published by the John Birch Society which has not been investigated by the Bureau. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch in the past has attacked former President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings. The Bureau has conducted no investigation of Revido P. Oliver and Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding him. He is a professor at the University of Illinois and has made allegations in the past that the Government of this country is "shot through" with communists. The Bureau has had limited cordial correspondence with him.

Enc. *sent 2-6-61*
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rose

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont 2/7/61
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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
RE: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
65-45027

In March, 1959, he stated that 1/3 of the top echelon of the communist conspiracy in this country are in the DHEW and stated Herbert Philbrick, a former FBI informant, was his source.

Herbert Philbrick, a former informant of the Boston Office, has been contacted regarding Oliver's statements and has advised he has never given Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the DHEW, that he knows no one in this Department and has had no information concerning communist activity in the United States Government since at least 1944. Philbrick considers Oliver to be an extremist in anticommunist feelings and violently anti-Semitic. The Boston Office has advised there is no record of any statement regarding the DHEW in its files emanating from Philbrick. Through a review of the Bureau Security Index cards, it was determined that no employees of the DHEW are included in the Security Index.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is not felt we should contact Oliver regarding his unfounded allegations regarding the DHEW as such contact would serve no worthwhile purpose and may encourage him to continue to make these unfounded allegations against this Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Department be advised that Herbert Philbrick, a former Bureau informant has disclaimed furnishing Oliver any information regarding the DHEW, that it is not believed any contact with Oliver regarding these unfounded allegations would serve any worthwhile purpose and that no further inquiry is being made in this matter in the absence of a specific request from the Department.



See P-3

Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
RE: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
65-45027

2. That the attached letter in line with the above
be transmitted to the Department.

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I think we
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Society. If
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EX 101

REC- 6262-104-11-623

February 3, 1961

[Redacted]
Darby, Montana

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Dear Miss [Redacted]

Your letter was received on January 30, 1961, and your concern regarding the menace of communism is understandable. I appreciate your giving me the benefit of your observations and I wish to express my thanks for your very kind remarks.

While I wish I could be of assistance to you regarding your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

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John
Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's speech 10-18-60
Press release 12-22-60

One Nation's Response to
Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Nothing was located in Bufiles that was identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, is allegedly an anticommunist group with branches in various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field offices and instructs them that any information on its activities should be furnished to the Bureau.



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DARBY, MONTANA

January 26, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to convey to you my sincere respect and admiration for your long and determined fight against subversive forces here in America, and for all you have done to alert us to this imminent danger. I read with great interest your report entitled "Communist Target....Youth" and have also seen the film "Operation Abolition" of the S. F. student riots. If your report and this film fail to convince the American people that there is a definite plot to subvert our youth, then I am inclined to wonder if they can be convinced. Others besides yourself have done all in their power to make us aware of this internal danger and still all too many of us remained asleep. Have we already overslept? I wonder.....

Everywhere we turn we can see the constant erosion of our American traditions and principles. We see our Constitution being ignored, men bent on the destruction of individual responsibility and freedom, and materialism undermining our morals. We see our public officials not only abuse their authority but lie, deceive and use any ruse to obtain their goals. This line of thought and action is contrary to our basic American ideals, and yet it seems to be both a condoned and an accepted practice. This is especially true with Forest Service personnel, as we have had occasion to note. And now we are experiencing attacks on two of our strongest bulwarks against subversion in this country, the F. B. I. and H. U. A.C. The conspirators must feel quite secure to become so brazen. In my humble opinion it is sheer stupidity that we have not long ago outlawed the Communist Party.

As you know, everyday more Americans are realizing the danger that exists internally and are forming organizations to inform others, and to oppose measures which will infringe on our Constitutional rights, American sovereignty and security. I feel these organizations can do a great deal of good, however, they do present a problem. The enemies ways are so subtle, devious and insidious it is often quite difficult for the average person to distinguish between a truly patriotic group and one which is not. Several months ago I joined the John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass. After reading their material, hearing tapes and etc. I nonetheless believe this to be a society dedicated to protecting our freedoms and American form of government. If however, I have formed the wrong opinion I would sincerely appreciate it if you would inform me of my error in judgement.

In closing I again wish to express my gratitude to you and your organization. It is indeed gratifying to have someone in whom we can place our trust.

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EX 101

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REC- 99

February 3, 1961

62-104401-624
Mr. Jesse S. Moore
Post Office Box 5406
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter of January 27, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism; however, we do not have a list of available material.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

God and Country or Communism
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Where do we stand today with communism
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Communist Target--Youth

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P.O. Box 5406
Beaumont, Texas
January 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have long since been interested in knowing how to fight Communists movements in our country and in our Government, I have always wanted to do something, take a part in some movement, but have never had a real good opportunity to be of any assistance, until last night.

I attended a meeting of the "John Birch Society" and witnessed several films as narrated by a, Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. These films were very convincing and interesting, and along the line of thinking of the average American, I think, but it could be as communistic as anything else in your files, with that pink fringe, if it isn't handled correctly. I know you have had a flood of these request, I don't want to join something that isn't good. Do you have anything to say about Welch and the "John Birch Society". Would it be worthy of a good Honest Citizens time and effort, because I will be giving them some good time, will invite friends to join the movement and ask their help. I need to know, before I jump, and you or your department, I'll believe.

If possible, I would like information that was presented as evidence against Chief Justice Earl Warren, as an aid to the communists movement in our country, I understand that another of the Supreme Court Justice's did make formal charges against Mr. Warren, and as of this date, the proceedings to prosecute or impeach him, has not and will not come to trial. It was common gossip across the country that he was implicated in their activities, and if it is true that charges have been filed against him, are we so entangled already, that nothing can be done with these kind of people.

I would also like informations on how America or Americans aided in the fall & distruction of Poland, into the hands of the communists.

I need something that I can read and quote from as I talk and work, don't want to go into this with my friends half cocked, and if I don't choose to work with Mr. Welch and his cause, I'll get me a soap box and burn this typewriter up with letters of my own.

If there is a charge for the above, let me know as soon as you can and I will send payment by return mail.

Jesse Sherman Moore

Age 48

Employed by Humble Oil & Refining Co.

27 Years servic.

Have, three daughters, one son & one Son-in-law.

Now buying a nice home thru Prudential.

Jesse S. Moore

P.O. Box 5406

Beaumont, Texas

(I am on the, Government Printing Office mailing list, do you have a list of articles that I could choose from, th t would aid me in my

Mr. Jesse S. Moore

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February 3, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

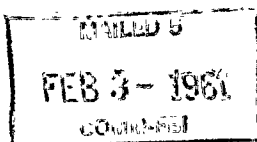
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Your letter and enclosures were received on
January 30, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI,
as a Federal investigative agency, does not make evaluations
or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any
organization, publication or individual. I can inform you,
however, that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society,
but this should not be construed as being a clearance or nonclearance
of the organization in question.

The pamphlet you forwarded is being returned
and I am sending you some publications regarding communism
available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,



[Handwritten signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (8)
Press Release 12-22-60
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God & Country or Communism?
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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1-1-61 Bulletin of the John Birch Society
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NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a stamped self-addressed (including Box envelope, too small to utilize in reply. His second enclosure was a copy of the 1-1-61 Bulletin of the John Birch Society which has previously been brought to the Bureau's attention. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Jan. 25, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washing D. C.

Dear Sir.

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Inclosed find material from John Birch Society, which has recently organized a chapter here, and also several thruout the surrounding country, please read pages 2 and 10, also the rest if you havn't already done so.

I have attended 2 meetings and have raised questions on the same, these questions haven't been answered as to why they call our presidents and his cabinet Socialist and pro communists also why impeach Earl Warren.

Would surely appreciate your answer to these questions, and your opinion of the John Birch Society.

Thank you

/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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Culbertson Report
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J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

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February 3, 1961

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Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

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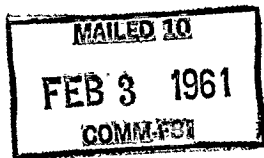
Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter was received on January 30, 1961,
and the thought prompting your writing is very much appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI,
as a Federal investigative agency, does not make evaluations or
draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization,
publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that this
Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society, but this should
not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of
the group in question.

It is encouraging to know of your desire to help
combat communism, and I am enclosing publications along such
lines available for general distribution by the FBI. I hope that
this material will offer suggestions as to how you and your friends
can take effective action in protecting our democratic way of life.
There will be no charge, and additional copies of these reprints can
be sent you, if desired.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

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Press Release 12/22/60
Director's Speech 10/18/60
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism
Introduction March 1960 LEB and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

January 25, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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If possible, I would appreciate very much receiving your comments, opinion, approval, disapproval or letter of noncommittance regarding any information you have on The John Birch Society, Inc. of Belmont, Massachusetts.

It is an active study group designed to become informed of the threat of communist conspiracy and action that can be taken to thwart it.

We have started a small Chapter of the Society here in [redacted] and have met with criticism for being radicals and even a remark that perhaps we were communist affiliated.

Since these people cannot be reasoned with, perhaps they can be shown. This is why I would appreciate receiving any remarks you may have regarding the FBI's knowledge of the Society, if you do offer that sort of information.

Also at our last meeting we were told that we could receive informational pamphlets from the FBI upon request. Would you please send any of these to us, and if there is a subscription rate we will be glad to oblige.

I hope you have time to let me know about the above and Thank you for any help you may have.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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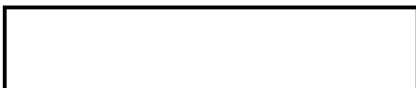
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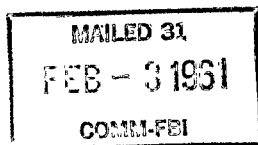
Your letter of January 25, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

In response to your inquiry, it is a pleasure to enclose publications which offer my suggestions as to how you and other young people like you can help keep our country safe from the destructive forces which threaten us. There is no provision whereby this Bureau can offer assistance or suggestions in organizing a group such as you described, but I believe the material forwarded will offer you ways in which you can take effective action in combating communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures (6)
10-18-60 Speech
How To Beat Communism
Communism and the College Student
What You can do to fight Communism

Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Charlotte 9, North Carolina
January 25, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would first like to say that the American people owe you so much for your life-time of service to our country. We need many more men like you in these troubled times.

Second, my parents belong to an organization which is fighting our greatest menace - Communism. It is the John Birch Society. I believe, though, that it is an adult organization.

Would it be possible for you to send me some literature on how I, as a teen-ager, could start a "Youth against Communism" organization? As things look now, there isn't much time left to fight the sly Communists. I want to be able to live as an individual when I grow up and this would be quite impossible to do under a Communist dictatorship.

Yours very sincerely,
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February 3, 1961

[Redacted]
Long Beach 15, California

Dear Mr. [Redacted]
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Your letter of January 26, 1961, has been received, and I was pleased to learn of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director's Speech before IACP, 10/3/60
Director's Speech before American Legion, 10/18/60
Communism, The Bitter Enemy of Religion
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

Long Beach, Calif.
January 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just completed reading your book, 'Masters of Deceit,' and have seen the Film Strip, 'Communism on the Map.' I plan to continue a study to inform myself on this threat to our existence.

I have discovered an action group who are fighting Communism called the John Birch Society. Before enrolling in their program of writing letters to our Congressmen etc I felt it prudent to know the status of this Society based on findings your office undoubtedly has.

Is it cleared by the F.B.I. and is it a good way for a private citizen to fight the Communist threat?

Respectfully,

/s/ (Mrs)

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Long Beach, California
January 26, 1961

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Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of January 27, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or non-clearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- 17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
- One Nation's Response To Communism
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Communist Target--Youth
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
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LETTER TO MRS. [REDACTED]
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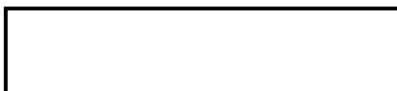
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[REDACTED] who was the
[REDACTED] in Los Angeles during 1941. It has not been
determined if correspondent is identical; however, she indicates
that she is a naturalized citizen. The bulk of the material available
regarding them pertains to their travel activities.

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Santa Barbara, Calif.

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January 27th 1961

Dear Mr Hoover,

As a naturalized American Citizen and one who loves this Country and no wish to ever belong or be dominated by another, I am bringing a great problem to you which has troubled me a little. I certainly do not wish to be confused or do anything that may not meet with your approval knowing you and the F. B. I. are the watch dog of America.

I would like your opinion if you think I would be serving my wonderful Country by joining the John Birch Society. This is a local chapter and was formed a little over a year ago. The society has not sought publicity and the membership is by invitation only. I have been asked to join as a member. Before doing so and going to a meeting to be held early in February, I would appreciate hearing from you.

My only idea of joining this Society is to fight this Communist conspiracy creeping into our society, schools and churches.

I was very happy at the idea of joining until I read in the local paper 22/1/61 that Robert Welch of Belmont. Mass wrote a confidential document that our great States Man and former President Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy. I have spoken to several members of the John Birch Society but who had not read the book "The Politician" and not one could believe such a dreadful accusation and did not wish to believe such a thing and more over do not agree with its founders idea that ex-President Eisenhower is a Communist.

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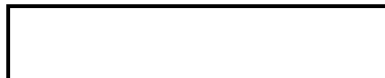
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Thanking you very much for any helpful information you can give me.

I remain,

Very truly yours.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/8/61

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re Charlotte airtels 7/21 and 27/60.

On 2/1/61, Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted], Charlotte, N. C., telephone [redacted] personally
appeared at the Charlotte Office at which time she advised
SA [redacted] that her purpose was to ascertain whether
captioned organization was a legitimate and non-subversive
organization. She was advised the FBI's jurisdiction and
responsibilities did not extend to furnishing evaluations
or comments concerning the character or integrity of an
organization or individual.

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She pointed out that she had attended several
meetings of the John Birch Society which were being held in
a room at the downtown public library, Charlotte, and had
attended the last meeting on 1/30/61. She said that she
was not aware of the identity of the persons who were in
charge of the local organization but that they claimed to
be an anti-Communist group. At the meetings they referred
a great deal to the "Dan Smoot Report" who was reportedly
a former FBI Agent (SAC Letter 59-17 dated 3/24/59, contains
information regarding Dan Smoot Report). Also at the meeting
on 1/30/61, which was attended by approximately 30 persons,
there was a debate and discussion concerning dividing the
group into smaller units and the formation of other small
groups or units. Several individuals raised their hand
indicating they would attempt to organize a small group
or cell.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised she was concerned about the
complacency of the American public regarding the communist
menace; and that she desired to participate fully in captioned
organization to fight Communism, provided the organization
was actually an anti-Communist organization. She pointed
out she had no reason to doubt this but wanted to make sure
that it was non-subversive before joining and participating
in the activities.

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Mrs. [] made available the following literature which she had obtained at these meetings, which is being furnished the Bureau for information and it can be destroyed after it has served its purpose. Charlotte is retaining no copy of this literature.

- (1) May 1960 issue of "American Opinion" concerning "The Bang - Jensen Tragedy", which is apparently published by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR., founder of the John Birch Society.

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- (2) Testimony of Dr. FREDERICK CHARLES SCHWARZ, Executive Director, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 5/29/57. 142 CONGRESS RECORD, SYDNEY NEWS SO. PACIFIC, AUSTRALIA
- (3) Booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists" published by "American Opinion"

- (4) Application for membership in the John Birch Society listing the membership dues. LEAFLET

Mrs. [] advised that she and her husband at that time planned to join this organization and that if any information was received indicating that the organization was subversive, she would thereafter contact the Charlotte Office.

For the additional information of the Bureau, since the submission of referenced Charlotte airtel, two other individuals have contacted the Charlotte Office regarding captioned organization and have indicated they have attended meetings at the Charlotte Public Library. They likewise desired to know whether there was any information indicating that the organization had any subversive contacts.

To: Bureau

From: Charlotte (100-9548)

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Encls:

- (1) May 1960 issue of "American Opinion" re Bang - Jensen tragedy.
- (2) Testimony of Dr. Frederick Schwarz, Executive Director, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade before House Committee on Un-American Activities, 5/29/57
- (3) Booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists" published by "American Opinion"
- (4) Application for membership in John Birch Society listing membership dues.

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WILL YOU BE FREE TO

IS PRESERVATION OF YOUR LIFE WORTH SPENDING 45 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME
READING THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN TESTIMONY OFFERED BEFORE THE UNITED
STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
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PAY ATTENTION TO THE MATERIAL IN BOLD TYPE.
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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM (The Communist Mind)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1957

United States House of Representatives,
Committee on Un-American Activities,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

STAFF CONSULTATION

The following consultation by the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities was held at 2:55 p. m., Wednesday, May 29, 1957, in room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, director; William F. Heimlich, consultant, and Richard S. Weil, staff member.

Mr. Arens, Dr. Schwarz, will you raise your right hand and be sworn by Mrs. Eduora Bernard, the notary public.

Mrs. Bernard. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in this hearing will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Dr. Schwarz. I do.

TESTIMONY OF DR. FREDERICK CHARLES SCHWARZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE

Mr. Arens. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Dr. Schwarz. My name is Frederick Charles Schwarz, S-C-H-W-A-R-Z. My official home address is 142 Concord Road, Concord, Svdnev, New South Wales.

human nature, perfect human character, and populate the entire earth with a new quality of personality infinitely superior to any that history has ever known. The appeal that attracts the young student is almost a religious appeal that his life can be utilized for the regeneration of all mankind.

Mr. Arens. Would you care to elaborate on that theme, Doctor?

Dr. Schwarz. When you ask the Communist a simple question: "How are you going to change human nature?" they would answer with one word, and that word is "science." "We are scientists. Science has changed the material world. Science has changed the world of agriculture. Science has changed the world of animal husbandry. We can use science to change human nature itself."

This sounds very appealing. You can understand how this sounds to a young student infatuated with the techniques of science. To participate in using science for its greatest achievement is a seductive vision.

However, to be scientific you must follow scientific laws, and communism then proceeds to give it three scientific laws. These laws are as follows:

The first one is "There is no God." They are proudly, unashamedly atheistic in theory and in practice. When they deny God, they simultaneously deny every virtue and every value that originates with God. They deny moral law. They deny absolute standards of truth and righteousness. An entire civilized code of moral and ethical values is destroyed so that they are free to erect in their place new moral and ethical standards as the occasion demands.

impulses, gives of his best for the general well-being, out of the abundance thus created retains only his own personal needs. Farewell anger, lust and greed, envy, malice and strife, pestilence and war; enter golden, companionable, co-operative brotherhood; mankind will live together in the glorious day of communism that has dawned on the earth.

Mr. Arens. Doctor, may I pose this question: How to the Communist mind, is this world of goodness and plenty and of unselfishness and love, consistent with the program which we see in effect in Communist regime—a program of bloodshed, of deceit, of inhumanity, and the like?

Dr. Schwarz. It is the justification for it all. You sacrifice the goals. To sacrifice one or two generations is not a very big price to pay for such a glorious goal from their point of view.

The Communists are confronted with this problem: When they conquer the world, they are left with those people who have been brought up in the capitalist environment. They have had their experience. It has formed their character and personality. Naturally, if you leave the babies and the children with them, they will impress that character and personality upon them, so the Communists are confronted with a problem of what to do with the adults and established character and personality once they have conquered the world.

Being thoroughly materialist scientists, they do not hesitate. They say they have no alternative. Naturally, they must dispose of these classes. To them it is not murder. Murder is a bourgeois term which

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• free Americans begin to understand and appreciate provided by God under the American free enterprise

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Your children, and their educators, quit swallowing whole the false, sugar-coated one-sided description of vicious Communism supplied by dedicated Communist sympathizers.

• free Americans awaken to the true meaning of Communism, that it is your enemy.

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Americans generally begin to understand that Communism is NOT just another political party.

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1 class of mankind, and the reactionary bourgeois class. The
1 waging of this war is the great duty of all class-conscious
proletarians; the future is the triumph of the proletarian
class. The Communist Party is the brain of the proletarian
class, and the war that manifests itself within a state
is a conflict between the Communist Party and the state
government until the Communist Party destroys and conquers that state. Once that is done, it manifests itself in the international realm in a state of war between those countries that have been conquered by the Communists and where their power is established and those countries as yet unconquered. The basis of Communist policy is the existence of the class war. To them it is a fact of being.

2 So within this framework every act which advances
3 their triumph is righteous. Every statement that helps
4 their cause is true.

5 **Mr. Arens. They overlooked the Christian philosophy.**

6 **Dr. Schwarz. They wiped it out entirely.**

7 **Mr. Arens. The philosophy that the end never justifies the means.**

8 **Dr. Schwarz. The end creates the means. Any act, however brutal, and no matter how many people are killed, that advances the Communist conquest, is a peaceful act.**

9 Within this framework of ideology and morality, no
10 Communist can tell a lie in the interests of communism
because by definition, if it is in the interest of communism,
it is the truth. A person is only a material machine and
truth is merely a set of electronic impulses that circulate
within his brain. The ultimate truth is the will of the Com-

there was no manifestation of it whatsoever. If anything, their tears on behalf of the Rosenbergs flowed more freely. Their agony became more intense. To us they were utter hypocrites, but not to themselves. The execution of the Rosenbergs was an act that would retard Communist world conquest. Therefore, it was an evil act. Therefore, the Rosenbergs were guiltless. Therefore, the evidence against them was perjury. Therefore, those who gave the evidence were perjurers and criminals. Therefore, every progressive and moral proletarian heart must be emotionally disturbed because of this dreadful and evil act perpetrated with cruelty, brutality, and injustice. On the other hand, the arrest and execution of the Czechoslovak Jews would advance Communist world conquest; it would please the Arabs; it would set the stage for Communist influence in the Near East, which we see coming to fruition today.

It was an act in the interest of world conquest by communism; therefore, it was a good act. Therefore, they were guilty. Therefore, they were criminals. Therefore, the evidence against them was true. Therefore, every progressive heart must feel a sense of elation and rejoicing that justice triumphed with their death.

Mr. Weil. I think the theory behind that is excellent. But the evidence we have today seems to point to the fact that the Communists wanted the Rosenbergs executed, as a matter of fact, because they felt the Rosenbergs alive might be witnesses against the Communist apparatus. That bears out the impression of hypocrisy.

Dr. Schwarz. There is nothing inconsistent in their

terms of its recruitment of students, the organization of these students into the Communist Party and the scientific exploitation of group needs, grievances and ambitions to advance their party to power. The goal of communism is conquest, not conversion. They convert a few and conquer the many.

Mr. Arens. It is our information, Doctor, that there are in the world today approximately 25 million Communists. Is there any cohesive force that is opposing them?

Dr. Schwarz. Unfortunately, no.

Mr. Arens. Is there any monolithic force of any comparable size?

Dr. Schwarz. Unfortunately, I know of none. I know of no monolithic, conscious, dedicated, directive force to oppose them. What is needed, and that brings us to a second point—

Mr. Arens. I would like to ask you, before you get to your second point, if there is a fallacy in undertaking to appraise the strength of the world Communist movement in terms of numbers?

Dr. Schwarz. A very definite fallacy involved.

Mr. Arens. Why?

Dr. Schwarz. Because it is trying to determine the validity of the hull of the boat by relating the area of the holes to the area which is sound. One hole can sink the ship. Communism is the theory of the disciplined few controlling and directing the rest. One person in a sensitive position can control, manipulate, and if necessary, destroy thousands of others.

Mr. Arens. To use this illustration of your boat, you

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THE FUTURE?

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Otherwise well-meaning Americans begin to understand that "academic freedom" without morality leads to national suicide.

COMMUNISM IS OUT TO DESTROY YOU!

its us. The problem is, and I know that confronts your committee all in we rout them out, expose and dis- it doing damage to the constitutional ty under law which are so cherished lieve it can be done, it must be done; one.

I would like to have you elaborate, if a the way in which, in your judgment, morality of communism can be exposed fallacies of it actually exposed and how it with a superior and more sound

I believe that the problem is largely e, but it is also a spiritual one.

so, I think your committee has done educational job. I do not know if that tion of your committee, but you have splendid educational job in revealing not ut the actual practice and character of 'ommunists.

at communism should be taught in system, but I believe it should be oral directive, in the same way that it is taught that cancer is evil, that evil and education about them is elimination and defeat. I think the munism without a moral directive igerous. Teaching it with a moral emphasize the basic foundations of tion, revealing the enemy threaten-

things; but in its approach to the Indian, it appears to be favorable to them.

I am informed by Indians that the majority of Christians in India vote Communist. The reason they vote Communist is not because they approve of Communist theories, they haven't the faintest idea what they are. They vote Communist because the Communists sent a very fine young student to their village with glorious magazines showing them how much their life will be improved under communism.

Mr. Weil. What do we do; send more magazines?

Dr. Schwarz. Not so fast. First the Communists had to win the student who takes the magazines. We need an ideological offensive. That is what I am trying to do. I am an evangelical Christian and there are evangelical Christians in India. We have a basis of fellowship. Communism threatens us both. By personal association and contact we can build the understanding of the Communist danger. We have the tools that can help them convey the message to other Christians and the Indian people. It is much better that they should do it. We can help them. Our material advantage can now be effectively used when dedicated freedom-loving people, encouraged by our love, equipped by our support, carry the message of the value of the individual and the spiritual heritage of man, interpreted in the light of their specific faith, motivated by the dynamics of their conviction, when they carry this message and the corollary of the Communist threat to their own nationals.

Mr. Arens. On the basis of your worldwide tours, background and experience, what is your appraisal of the progress of internal communism as opposed to the forces of freedom at the present time?

Dr. Schwarz. I regret to say that, by every standard test, the Communists have been making terrifying progress; and they are winning and we are losing.

VOICES OUT OF THE PAST

Which Should Be Heeded Now

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide."

James Russell Lowell

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

Patrick Henry

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thou too, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate! . . .
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee, — are all with thee.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the event is in the hands of God.

George Washington

To The President-Elect:

You stand exactly at the supreme crisis, up to this date, of all human history.

That crisis has been long in the making. The struggle is not between two philosophies of economics, of government, or even of life itself. For the philosophy of Communism is but the cloak of a conspiracy. The struggle is between a small but worldwide esoteric clan, which seeks to enslave all of mankind for its own demonic purposes, and the rest of us, who wish to escape that enslavement.

In sheer numbers we have more than ninety-five percent of the human race on our side. But through long planning over decades, and to some extent even over centuries, the enemy now has in its grasp most of the reins and mechanics of power throughout the world. And this enemy has no slightest concern about the cost of its victory. Not only are the conspirators willing to see every truth denied, every humanitarian instinct betrayed, every noble tradition destroyed, every divine faith uprooted, in the achievement of their ends. They actively promote and use this destruction of man's whole spiritual inheritance, as a means of establishing their ruthless tyranny.

The Communists have now infiltrated so insidiously and so far into the organizational frameworks of all human activity that they consider total victory both imminent and assured. The innate strength of the United States remains, despite all of the erosion of that strength which the Communists have so patiently contrived, as the one serious obstacle still to be overcome. And now the Communists are freely predicting that the United States and its people have only one hundred more months of freedom. The hundred months, you will note, are just about coextensive with your expected two terms of office. And there is little doubt that the final decision of this struggle, affecting man's whole life

and history for many future generations, will be reached during these next eight years.

In fact, the balance of power is already in your hands. The future of our country and of our civilization may be yours to decide. Those of us who "know the score" are well aware of how much easier it would be for you quietly to join the conspirators, add the full force of the presidency to the strength they already have, and make treason so prosper that "none dare call it treason." Thus you might readily emerge in due time as yourself the top man in a one-world socialist government, kept in power by the brutality of Communist police. The other course is to use the power of the presidency to reassert our nation's already fading independence, and to reestablish its influence on the side of individual freedom and national freedom everywhere. To follow that path is now much more difficult and more dangerous, even for the President of the United States. But it is not yet quite too late for such a purpose to prevail.

When the true history of the Twentieth Century comes to be written your name will loom large on its middle pages. Those pages may record that under your complaisant opportunism, during the years 1961 through 1968, all resistance to tyranny, in the United States and throughout the world, was completely crushed. Or it may read that, by your incessant labor and courage and determination, you were able to save for your children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which you yourself had inherited.

Which course those pages will record is up to you. May God help you to decide aright.

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The Season's Greetings

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for the coming year, as a way of saying

Merry Christmas

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts*

Gentlemen:

Please enter subscriptions for the names listed below and on the reverse side of this sheet. Please send a card, as illustrated above, duly filled out and to arrive just before Christmas, in those cases which I have indicated with a check mark.

The total of my remittance, at five dollars per subscription is \$.....

Sincerely,

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____
Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year
from this date, and for automatic renewal each year
thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand
the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet,
as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my mem-
bership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed
officer of the Society, without the reason being stated,
on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in
advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) _____

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February 7, 1961

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

3/26/61 *Spencer*

Your letter and enclosures were received on January 31, 1961.

Although I would like very much to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to a regulation of the Department of Justice.

With reference to the leaflet you forwarded from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., I can inform you that this leaflet has been brought to our attention in the past, and you will note that it contains a statement that the procommunist records of the individuals named within are documented in the files of "other Government investigating Agencies." I can assure you that the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., and its national director, Myron C. Fagan, have never had access to information in our files in the preparation of material by that group.

I also want to take this occasion to point out that the statement attributed to me in the other brochure you forwarded is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I am enclosing a copy of this statement, and the excerpt in question appears on page 12. I know that you will realize when you read this passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

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In view of your concern about the growing menace of communism, I am also sending you other publications available for general distribution by the FBI which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can best take effective action in fighting the subversive elements in our society today. Your enclosures are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

God and Country or Communism?

Director's Speech of 10-18-60

Press release of 12-22-60

Statement of Director before Committee on Un-American Activities, 3-26-47

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

Two enclosures forwarded by correspondent (described in note below)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She enclosed "Don't Patronize Reds!!!" from the Cinema Educational Guild and "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" disseminated by the American Council of Christian Laymen. Copies not necessary for retention in Bufiles.

The Cinema Educational Guild is alleged an anti-communist group which has been responsible for the distribution of many sensational-type pamphlets, and its national director, Myron C. Fagan, has had to be admonished on several occasions for using the Director's name in the furtherance of his publications. Various of his publications are entitled "Red Stars Number One, Two, Three," etc.

The Bureau is well aware of the continuing controversy between the American Council of Christian Laymen, with whom Verne P. Kaub is

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affiliated and the National Council of Churches. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.
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[Redacted]
Midland, Texas
Jan. 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a concerned citizen and would like to know some facts. I would like to have some proof of these tracts and "The John Birch Society" so that when I tell my friends about these things they will believe me and if you will acknowledge that they are true then I think my friends will believe you.

1. Has "The John Birch Society, " of which I am a member, and Mr. Robert Welch been checked out by the F.B.I. ?

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3. Has the tract "Red Stars and the Cinema Giuld been checked out by the F.B.I. ?

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [Redacted]

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Thank you so much for your time.

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Sidney, Montana

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

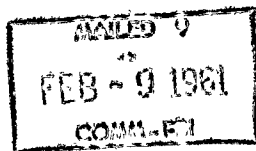
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Your letter was received on February 6, 1961, and I want to thank you for your generous evaluation of my book, "Masters of Deceit." Your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI is also deeply appreciated.

In response to your request, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (5)

Breaking the Communist Spell

Where do we stand today with communism in the U. S. ?

The Communists Are After Our Minds

CP, USA

One Nation's Response to Communism

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Sidney, Montana
February 2, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Keep up the wonderful work.

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I'm working with the John Birch Society, but
need more, factual information about all phases of
subversive activity.

Please send me any material or listing of
material that you might have.

Masters of Deceit is tremendous.

Sincerely,

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Lake Placid, Florida

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Dear Mr. 

Your letter dated February 1, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to learn of your desire to help combat communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of help and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA

Director's Speech 10-18-60

Press Release 12-22-60

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Letter to Mr.

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[Redacted]
LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

February 1, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have been given literature to read by an acquaintance. It has to do with an anti-communist organization called the John Birch Society. We have never been associated with an organization of this type. Before we become involved we would like to know just what it stands for.

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I am very anxious to do whatever I can to preserve our our nation as a Democracy, but, I do not want to become involved in an organization that could be subversive.

If you know anything concerning this organization I would appreciate your findings about it.

Thanking you,

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Your letter dated February 1, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to know of your desire to help fight communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines, and I hope that it will offer suggestions as to how you can take effective action in combating the subversive influences in our society today.

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Bremerton, Wn. Feb. 1, 1961

The Dept. of Justice
F.B.I. Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send me any
pamphlets or information on Communism,
also what the ordinary person can do
to help combat this menace.

Can you give me any information
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a good organization to join?

Thank you for anything you may
be able to send me on this problem.

Sincerely yours,

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Bremerton, Wash.

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Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted Name]

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Your letter postmarked January 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest. Also enclosed is the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Director's speech of 10-18-60

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Correspondent's self-addressed, stamped envelope

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FEBRUARY 9, 1961

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a self-addressed, stamped envelope which could not be utilized in reply.

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Midland, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Thank you for your consideration -.

Respectfully yours

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Midland, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully yours
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3/22/86 [Signature]

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Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MR. DECKER - MR. BELMONT
HOUSE COMM ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
"OPERATION ABOLITION" FILM

Bufiles reflect that Reverend Lee C. Moorehead by letter to the Bureau dated 4-26-47 inquired concerning a communist front organization. Bulet to Moorehead 5-17-47 pointed out the confidential nature of our files and that no information could be furnished. In addition, by letter dated 4-21-60 to former Vice President Nixon, Moorehead requested the Vice President's evaluation of the charges against the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) in an Air Force Manual linking communism with U. S. churches. At the request of former Vice President Nixon's office, the Bureau prepared a suggested reply to Reverend Moorehead stating, in effect, that the Vice President did not have at hand the material used in the preparation of this Manual and, therefore, was unable to afford Reverend Moorehead an evaluation.

OBSERVATION

It is quite apparent that Harold Martin and the John Birch Society are attempting to involve the Bureau and the Director personally in the controversy concerning this film. We certainly should not allow ourselves to be placed in a position where an organization of the character of the John Birch Society can use statements attributed to the Bureau or to the Director to support its position in this or any other matter. This organization would not hesitate to twist any statement by the Bureau to conform with its extremist position.

ACTION

For information.

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February 9, 1961

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[Redacted Address]

Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Miss [Redacted]

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Your letter of January 31, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communist Party, USA

God and Country or Communism?

Struggle on a New Plane

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. ~~We have not investigated the group.~~

[Redacted]
Glenview, Illinois
January 31, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your and many other books, reports and speeches and listened to tapes and seen movies and film-strips about the Communist Conspiracy. I am convinced that the danger of complete communist control is dangerously imminent, and that I MUST do everything possible to expose and denounce this great danger to our beloved Republic.

I NEED YOUR HELP. For it becomes increasingly clear that there is no room for naivety nor serious mistakes.

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I thought to join the only real ACTION anti-communist group I know of - the John Birch Society, whose basic stated aims pretty well parallel my own.

Over the past several months I have heard some very alarming claims against this organization. They boil down to these: that the group is "communist-inspired", "led by communists", "communist infiltrated."

I MUST KNOW whether I can trust the leadership of this organization and I do not know where else to get the truth if not from you. Will you help me?

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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The Director requested that we take a closer look at the John Birch Society (JBS) for if it publishes such a publication as "American Opinion," it is suspect.

We have never investigated JBS nor its founder, Robert H. Welch, Jr.

BACKGROUND CONCERNING THE SOCIETY

JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 12-58 by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of JBS have come into existence in various parts of the country as part of Welch's anticommunist campaign.

BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY OF WELCH:

Bufiles disclose Welch resides in Belmont, Massachusetts, and has an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturer. He is editor of "American Opinion," which he publishes on an irregular basis and which contains many anticommunist articles. Bufiles do not contain any information of a subversive nature concerning Welch. In 1-59 we received information Welch was initiating an anticommunist campaign and was to establish ostensible communist front groups, which in reality would be anticommunist groups, thereby causing disruption to the Communist Party (CP). We have not received any information Welch has established such groups. Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," which he did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed, which he sent to friends who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was

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a vicious attack on the political beliefs of President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist. We disseminated pertinent portions of the book to the White House and the Attorney General in 2-59.

Bufiles indicate Welch is obsessed with his fight against communism and in carrying out his anticommunist campaign. In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Jack Mabley in the 1-30-61 issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley comments on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch, by his own words, is absolute boss of the Society and quotes Welch as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Mabley sums up his article by stating the communist threat in this country is real enough; the country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the communist evil; but "the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work."

A review of "American Opinion" discloses that among those individuals listed on its Editorial Advisory Committee are such anti-communist crusaders as Clarence Manion, former Dean, University of Notre Dame Law School; Adolphe Menjou, the movie actor; and General A. C. Wedemeyer. One of the associate editors of "American Opinion" is J. B. Matthews, the former Executive Secretary of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

It is noted the July-August, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" listed "Masters of Deceit" as recommended reading material. In 8-60 we received information the latest monthly bulletin of JBS requested all members to write the Director expressing their congratulations on his report as contained in the HCUA booklet "Communist Target - Youth."

BUREAU ACTION

Due to the controversial nature of Welch and JBS we alerted the field to background information concerning Welch and JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60. The field has been instructed no investigation of JBS should be conducted but the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information regarding this matter. Since that time the field has advised of numerous chapters of JBS having been formed in various cities throughout

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the country and the identities of individuals active in such chapters. We have been closely watching the activities of JBS through the information supplied by the field. However, to date no information has been received indicating subversive elements have infiltrated or taken over any chapters of JBS. Also, no information has been received indicating JBS is operating as a "hate" group or that its activities warrant investigation by the Bureau. To conduct any investigation of this anticommunist group could possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau as most of the people active in the chapters of JBS are community leaders, leading businessmen and respected citizens. Some also appear to be crackpots.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to give us a better insight into JBS and "American Opinion," there is attached for approval and transmittal an airtel instructing Boston to check appropriate sources and records to determine facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its credit rating, the circulation of "American Opinion," et cetera.

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